TONY HANCOCK

THIS IS THE SEASON FOR YULE LOGS, AND LORD HADDEM OF HADDEM HALL HAS GIVEN ME A BIG ORDER!

AHA!

T. HANCOCK WOOD MERCHANT

WOT O

HEY, HANCOCK! WILL YOU FILL THIS SACK FOR ME FOR FIVE BOB?

SURE! I'VE GOT A FEW LOGS TO SPARE!

AND, A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER....

COME ON! YOU HAVEN'T FILLED THE SACK YET!

WOW! THAT SACK HOLDS A LOT OF LOGS, AND I'VE NEARLY USED UP ALL ME LOAD!

YES, YOU'VE GUESSED IT! SHARKEY HAS GOT A BOTTOMLESS SACK!

THE MUG'S GIVEN ME A CELLAR-FULL OF LOGS! NOW TO LOAD 'EM ON TO ME BARROW AND FLOG 'EM TO LORD HADDEM!

NOW I'VE RUN RIGHT OUT OF LOGS! I'LL HAVE TO GO IN AND CHOP SOME MORE!

WOOD MERCHANT

THERE! I'M READY TO GO! AND TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T FOLLOW ME, I'LL CHAIN HIS TRUCK TO THAT TREE!

CHOP! CHOP!

WOT O

OW! I SEE IT ALL NOW! HE DIDDLED ME OUT OF THAT LOAD OF LOGS, AND NOW HE'S OFF TO SELL THEM TO LORD HADDEM!

OUR CHUM ALWAYS BELIEVES IN GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE!

CHAIN MY TRUCK TO THE TREE, WOULD HE? HE CAN'T DO THAT TO A MAN OF MY CALIBRE!

T. HANCOCK WOOD MERCHANT

WOT O

IT'S LUCKY THAT I MANAGED TO HIRE A CRANE TO LIFT THE TREE ON TO THE TRUCK!

WOW! AM I SEEING THINGS?

T. HANCOCK WOOD MERCHANT

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A REAL YULE LOG! YOU CAN KEEP YOUR MATCH STICKS!

EH?

HADDEM HALL

T. HANCOCK WOOD MERCHANT

WOT O

HANCOCK BEATS SHARKEY EVERY TIME, FOLKS! IT'S AS EASY AS FALLING OFF A LOG!

DO STAY TO DINNER, MY DEAR CHAP!

BY ALL MEANS! I'LL STAY FOR SUPPER, TOO, IF YOU INSIST!

PHEW! I'LL SEE WE HAVE GAS-FIRES INSTALLED BEFORE NEXT CHRISTMAS!

SWOON!

GASP!